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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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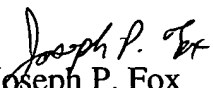
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 17, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1-14 and 20-22), with traverse. The grounds for traversal are that examination of all of the groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The non-elected claims share several common features with the elected claims, and a search

for the two groups would likely overlap. For this reason, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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